

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid on the table.

#### VOTE ON NOMINATION OF MARTIN KARL REIDINGER

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina?

The nomination was confirmed.

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#### VOTE ON NOMINATION OF JANIS LYNN SAMMARTINO

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California?

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) would vote "yea."

Mr. LOTT. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 90, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 328 Ex.]

YEAS—90

Akaka	Casey	Feinstein
Alexander	Chambliss	Graham
Allard	Coburn	Grassley
Barrasso	Cochran	Gregg
Baucus	Coleman	Hatch
Bayh	Collins	Hutchinson
Bennett	Conrad	Inhofe
Bingaman	Corker	Inouye
Bond	Cornyn	Isakson
Boxer	Crapo	Johnson
Brown	DeMint	Kennedy
Brownback	Dole	Kerry
Bunning	Domenici	Klobuchar
Burr	Dorgan	Kohl
Byrd	Durbin	Kyl
Cantwell	Ensign	Landrieu
Cardin	Enzi	Lautenberg
Carper	Feingold	Leahy

Lincoln	Pryor	Specter
Lott	Reed	Stabenow
Lugar	Reid	Stevens
Martinez	Roberts	Sununu
McCaskill	Rockefeller	Tester
McConnell	Salazar	Thune
Menendez	Sanders	Vitter
Mikulski	Schumer	Voinovich
Murkowski	Sessions	Warner
Murray	Shelby	Webb
Nelson (FL)	Smith	Whitehouse
Nelson (NE)	Snowe	Wyden

NOT VOTING—10

Biden	Hagel	McCain
Clinton	Harkin	Obama
Craig	Levin	
Dodd	Lieberman	

The nomination was confirmed.

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Under the previous order, the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

The Senator from Pennsylvania.

#### CHANGE OF VOTE

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, on rollcall vote No. 320, I voted "yea." It was my intention to vote "nay." Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to change my vote since it will not affect the outcome of that vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

##### SERGEANT JAN ARGONISH

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to take a couple of moments to highlight the life of one of our brave fighting men who lost his life in Afghanistan. His name is Jan Argonish. He was a sergeant in the Army National Guard.

On the last business day before our August recess was over, I was in a line in Peckville, PA, at his viewing where all of his family and his friends paid him last respects and prayed for him. Just to give a sense of the scene, the context of this scene, this was a viewing line that lasted hours and hours. I was in the line from about 6 o'clock to 8:30. So for all the reasons we celebrate the service and the sacrifice of our brave troops, I wish to highlight the life of SGT Jan Argonish, who passed away at the age of 26 when he was killed in action in an ambush in Kunar Province in Afghanistan.

Jan Argonish was a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, with nearly 10 years of service in the Pennsylvania National Guard. He volunteered to help train soldiers of the Afghan National Army. For SGT Jan Argonish, this was his third deployment since September 11, 2001.

He was born in Peckville, PA, and was a resident most recently in Scranton, his hometown. He was a 1999 grad-

uate of Valley View High School, where he played football and was on the swim team. He went on from high school to enlist in the Army. He was a graduate of the Army's infantry and mortar schools and tanker school at Fort Knox, KY.

He received numerous awards for his brave service—the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, and on and on, award after award. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Peckville, PA, and VFW Post 5544 in Jessup, PA. Since February 2006, he was employed as a corrections officer at the U.S. Penitentiary Canaan in Waymart, PA.

Sergeant Argonish leaves behind a family. One member of his family I will never forget, his 8-year-old son Jakub, who was in the viewing line to greet hundreds and hundreds of people. He was wearing a State trooper's hat which was, obviously, too large for an 8-year-old. But in so many ways, that image of that young boy, Jakub, is an image I will never forget, and in so many ways it is symbolic of and a metaphor of what so many families have lost when they have lost a loved one in Iraq, Afghanistan, or fighting around the world. Even someone who is old enough to understand it better than 8-year-old Jakub did—so many families are not ready for the horror and the trauma of that loss.

So I am thinking of SGT Jan Argonish today. I am thinking of his service. We are remembering and praying for his family and, of course, all those who are doing the brave work our troops are doing in Afghanistan and, of course, in Iraq during this very profound week we are about to enter into, the week where we think about the victims of 9/11 and we think about our troops.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Wyoming, Mr. BARRASSO, is recognized to speak in morning business for up to 30 minutes.

The Senator from Wyoming.

#### WYOMING AND MY VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to address this body and our Nation in my first official speech as Wyoming's newest Senator. Today I share with you how I got here, who I am, what I believe, my vision for the future, and what I hope to accomplish.

All of us in this body and everyone in the State of Wyoming lost a great friend when we lost Senator Craig Thomas. I have heard it in this Chamber on both sides of the aisle and throughout this building, and I have heard it all around Wyoming: We have lost a great friend. Susan Thomas and the memory of Craig Thomas have been recognized all across Wyoming this summer at rodeos, county fairs, the State fair, parades, and at special events. The new visitors center at the Grand Teton National Park has appropriately been named in his honor.